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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer who supports broadband competition. I previously was a Comcast customer, but quit them because of poor customer service and constant price increases bordering on extortion. Now I am with Sonic, a small competitive provider based in Santa Rosa, California. I am happy with them, because they make a point to EARN my good will.

Contrary to much misguided discussion, Sonic IS a carrier that uses unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete for residential customers, thus I would be negatively affected if the FCC acts on the un-American assumption that competition either doesn't exist or shouldn't exist.

Please preserve broadband competition and the superior customer service that goes with it!

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